



Ramp and Area Update for Spring 2009

April 24, 2009

Spring is here! Dust off the fishing tackle and the water toys and come experience Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Lake Powell for yourself. Deepening of the Castle Rock Cut is completed for this year and this important short-cut will soon be open. Remember—all boats must certify that they are mussel free or receive decontamination before launching. Keep Lake Powell mussel free!

Come Experience:

- Lake Powell! With the water level currently at approximately 3,609 feet, boating, fishing, kayaking, and other activities are virtually unlimited. Water levels are predicted to reach 3642 this summer.
- Kayaking—this activity is growing in popularity as people learn what a great kayaking destination this is. You can launch your kayak at any launch ramp or get dropped off at a remote side canyon with a boat shuttle from Antelope Point Marina or Aramark. Colorado River Discovery can haul your kayak upriver from Lees Ferry to the base of the dam where you can then enjoy a leisurely float back down to Lees Ferry. Kayak rentals and guided kayaking trips are also available through outfitters locally.
- Camping on Lake Powell, which provides unparalleled opportunities to view the night sky.
- Taking a boat tour to Rainbow Bridge or renting a boat and exploring on your own.
- Teaching your children to protect Lake Powell's water quality and other precious natural resources.

Facilities and Services Update:

Public launching capabilities are open and available at Wahweap, Stateline, Antelope Point, Bullfrog, and Halls Crossing.

- **Wahweap/Stateline**
Wahweap and Stateline main ramps are open with concrete surfaces. The pumpouts at Wahweap and Stateline are open. Boat and land-based fuel are available. Lake Powell Resort is open for overnight accommodation. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are available at Lake Powell Resort. Java City and the Driftwood Lounge are both open. A variety of power boats and houseboats are available for rent. Scenic boat tours to Rainbow Bridge and other destinations are available.
- **Antelope Point**
Antelope Point Public Launch Ramp is open with concrete surfaces for park visitors to launch their own vessels. Antelope Point Navajo Launch Ramp is open. The floating marina village is open, with a full service restaurant serving lunch and dinner as well as a retail store. Fuel is available at the marina. A variety of power boats and houseboats are available for rent.
- **Dangling Rope**
Dangling Rope is open. Fuel is available; however the snack bar will not open until about May 1.
- **Bullfrog**
Bullfrog main ramp is open with a concrete surface to the water's edge. The Bullfrog pumpout is operational and boat and land-based fuel are available. The Lake Powell Ferry, providing automobile shuttle service between Bullfrog and Halls Crossing, is operating with departures from Bullfrog at 9 am, 11 am, 1pm, and 3 pm and departing from Halls Crossing at 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm, and 2 pm. Defiance House Lodge and the Anasazi Restaurant are open. Family rental units with kitchens are also available. The Boat and Go marina store is open.
- **Halls Crossing**
Halls Crossing ramp is open with a concrete surface. Family rental units are available. The boat fuel dock and marina store are open on weekends. The Lake Powell Ferry between Halls Crossing and Bullfrog is running (see Bullfrog).

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- **Lone Rock Beach**

Lone Rock is open for vehicle accessible camping and day use. All pet waste must be contained and disposed of in the same manner as human waste. Microflush toilets are open.

- **Hite**

At the current lake level, there is no marina facility at Hite. Small boats have been launching at Hite from dirt ramps, however *vessel launching is at your own risk*. A dirt takeout area for river rafters has been developed on the west side of the river. This is a primitive road and requires 4-wheel drive to access the river. This is not a boat launching area. Pay-at-pump fuel, limited groceries, and housekeeping units are available. Hite has a NPS ranger station (intermittently staffed) and a primitive camping area; however this camping area is not accessible to Lake Powell.

General Information

- **Don't Move a Mussel!** Quagga and zebra mussels are a major threat to the park's fisheries. If your boat has recently been in mussel infested waters, it is illegal to launch in Lake Powell until it has been professionally decontaminated. Decontamination washes are available at all marinas; inquire at the park entrance station. Boaters are also **required** to display a certificate on their vehicle's dashboard stating their boat is free of mussels.
- **Protect Lake Powell's water quality!** A method of containing solid human waste **is required** when camping on Lake Powell in areas more than 200 yards from a constructed toilet facility. Portable toilets are available for rent locally.
- **Webcams and other information** on Glen Canyon National Recreation Area is online at: www.nps.gov/glca.
- **Lake levels** – For the latest information, visit the Bureau of Reclamation's web site at www.usbr.gov/uc/.
- **Rainbow Bridge National Monument** – The trail to Rainbow Bridge is approximately 2 ½ miles round trip. Remember to bring good walking shoes and water.
- **Heads up & eyes open!** Boat with caution – always be on the look out for submerged rocks and other underwater hazards.
- **Floating restrooms and dump stations:** Floating restrooms and dump stations are open.
- **Entrance fee stations** are partially staffed. Visitors are still expected to pay entrance fees using the automated fee machines at entrance stations that are not staffed. Park entrance fees are \$15 per vehicle for 7 days.
- **Boaters must provide their own fittings for pumpout hoses** at all facilities lake wide.
- **Visitor centers:** The Carl Hayden Visitor Center, at Glen Canyon dam, is open daily year-round from 8 am to 5 pm. The visitor center features an aquarium with endangered fish native to the Colorado River, including the bonytail and humpback chub. The Navajo Bridge Interpretive Center at Lees Ferry is open thru late October. The visitor contact station at Bullfrog is open on an intermittent schedule.
- **Park concessioners:** For information on park concessioners and services available:
 - Antelope Point Holdings 928- 645- 5900 or www.antelopepointlakepowell.com
 - ARAMARK- Lake Powell Resorts & Marinas 1- 800- 528- 6154 or www.lakepowell.com
 - Colorado River Discovery 1- 888- 522- 6644 or www.raftthecanyon.com

Channel Markings at Current Water Levels

- **Boaters – be aware:** Due to narrowness of the channel from Anchovy Point to Antelope Point Marina, be prepared for rough water if multiple boats are in the area.
- **Wakeless zones: Boat with caution – please adhere to flat wake rules.** For those boaters traveling uplake from the Wahweap area, boat with caution within the breakwater and wakeless buoys around the Antelope Point public launch ramp and at the Antelope Point Marina.

Safety Tips – Live to Play Another Day!

- **Cliff jumping/diving** can be fatal – even jumping/diving from low levels can cause death or serious injury. New park regulations prohibit this activity.
- **Carbon monoxide (CO)** is a “silent killer.” Know the location of your vessel's exhaust and keep everyone out of harm's way. Be sure your CO detectors on your vessel work and pay heed if they go off. BE SAFE – turn off generators prior to retiring for the evening.
- **Children don't float!** Please watch your children around water and require them to wear personal flotation devices (also known as life jackets or life vests) anytime they are in or near the water. Don't let your child be a statistic!